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SUBJECT: SOLOMON ISLAND CHIEF MINISTER RESIGNS

1. PNG RADIO AND NOVEMBER 19 EDITION OF POST-COURIER CARRIED STORY REPORTING RESIGNATION OF SOLOMON MAMALONI, CHIEF MINISTER OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, NOVEMBER 18. MAMALONI REPORTEDLY RESIGNED DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING OVER "COIN DEAL" WITH US BASED LETCHER MINT.

2. POST-COURIER INDICATED LETCHER MINT ADVERTISED LAST WEEK THAT IT HAD SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO MINT COMMEMORATIVE COINS FOR THE ISLAND'S SELF-GOVERNMENT NEXT MONTH. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LATER REFUTED THE MINT'S CLAIM BUT MAMALONI HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE TO QUIT SINCE THEN.

3. SPECULATION IS THAT LABOR MINISTER DAVID KAUSIMAE WILL TAKE OVER AS CHIEF MINISTER. HE IS THE SOLOMONS' LONGEST SERVING MINISTER.

4. CLASSIFIED CABLE FOLLOWS.

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